

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 15-29 are pending in the application. By the present amendment, claims 1, 3, 17, 23, and 29 have been amended, new claims 30 and 31 have been added, and claims 2, 15, 16, 20-22, and 24-28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuing application. Consideration of all pending claims in light of any amendments thereto and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph as being directed to features not originally described or shown in the drawings. Claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, and 28 have been canceled.

Claim 1 stands rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,284,152 to Schorghuber. Claim 1, as amended, recites a cabinet made up of cabinet panels, at least one of which includes a groove on an inner portion of a front edge that is located where the panel inner surface meets the front edge of the panel to leave a front edge remainder portion. Generally U-shaped edging material having first and second legs connected by a middle portion is pressed into the groove such that an interior surface of the first leg is engaged with the groove and the middle portion spans the front edge remainder portion. An interior surface of the second leg abuts the outer surface of the panel. A terminating end of the second leg extends beyond the outer surface of the panel and at an angle to the outer surface to form an overhang with respect to the exterior surface of the cabinet. An outer surface of the first leg is substantially flush with the inner surface of the at least one panel.

Applicant's representative respectfully submits that Schorghuber does not disclose each and every element recited in claim 1. For example, Schorghuber does not disclose substantially U-shaped edging having a first leg pressed into a groove in a cabinet panel front edge and a second leg that has an interior surface that abuts an outer surface of the cabinet panel. For at least this reason, claim 1 and its dependant claims 3-6, 29, and 30 are patentable over Schorghuber.

Claim 1 stands rejected as anticipated by Re. 21,825 to Williams et al. Applicant's representative respectfully submits that Williams does not disclose each and every element recited in claim 1. For example, Williams does not disclose a groove on an inner portion of a front edge of a cabinet panel that is located where the panel inner surface meets the front edge of

the panel to leave a front edge remainder portion. Nor does Williams disclose substantially U-shaped edging that has a middle portion that spans the front edge remainder portion. For at least these reasons, claim 1 and its dependent claims 3-6, 29, and 30 are patentable over Williams.

Claim 17 stands rejected as anticipated by Schorghuber. Claim 17 has been amended to recite U-shaped edging secured to a side of one or more cabinet panels, the edging having first and second legs connected by a middle portion, wherein the first leg engages an interior front edge groove in the panel. Substantially an entirety of a termination end of the second leg extends beyond the structure of the cabinet at an angle to an exterior surface of the cabinet.

As already discussed with reference to claim 1, Applicant's representative respectfully submits that Schorghuber does not disclose substantially U-shaped edging having a first leg that engages a groove in a cabinet panel front edge and a second leg that has a terminating end, and wherein a substantial entirety the terminating end extends beyond the cabinet at an angle to an exterior surface of the cabinet. For at least these reasons, claim 17 and its dependent claims 18, 19, 23, and 31 are patentable over Schorghuber.

Claim 17 stands rejected as anticipated by Williams. Applicant's representative respectfully submits that Williams does not disclose every element recited in claim 17. For example, Williams does not show U-shaped edging secured to a side of one or more cabinet panels in which the edging has first and second legs connected by a middle portion and wherein the first leg engages an interior front edge groove in the panel. Neither does Williams teach U-shaped edging in which substantially an entirety of a termination end of the second leg extends beyond the structure of the cabinet at an angle to an exterior surface of the cabinet. For at least these reasons, claim 17 and its dependent claims 18, 19, 23, and 31 are patentable over Williams.

Claim 17 stands rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,758,056 to Buck et al. Applicant's representative respectfully submits that Buck does not disclose every element recited in claim 17. For example, Buck does not show U-shaped edging in which a first leg of the edging engages an interior front edge groove in the panel. For at least these reasons, claim 17 and its dependent claims 18, 19, 23, and 31 are patentable over Buck.

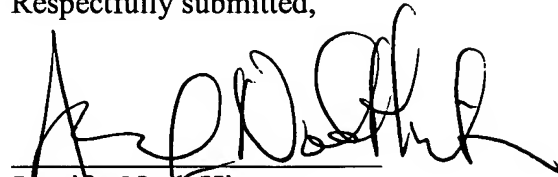
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, applicant's representative submits that all of the claims in this case (i.e., claims 1, 3-6, 17-19, 23, and 29-31) are now in condition for allowance and an indication to that effect is earnestly solicited. If the USPTO believes that additional discussions

or information might advance the prosecution of this case, the USPTO should feel free to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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